

The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Purpose: The National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) provides industry-based analyses and recommendations to the President regarding policy affecting national security and emergency preparedness (NS/EP) telecommunications.

Background: The President created the NSTAC by Executive Order (E.O.) 12382 in September 1982 to advise him on matters regarding NS/EP telecommunications. Four issues provided impetus for the establishment of the NSTAC: (1) divestiture of AT&T, (2) increased Government reliance on commercial communications, (3) potential impact of new technologies on NS/EP telecommunications, and (4) growing importance of command, control, and communications to military and disaster response modernization. The NSTAC is composed of up to 30 Presidentially appointed industry leaders (usually chief executive officers). In its advisory role to the President, the NSTAC provides industry-based analyses and recommendations on a wide range of policy and technical issues related to telecommunications, information assurance (IA), infrastructure protection, and other NS/EP concerns. Having first met in 1982, the NSTAC meets approximately every 9 months to report on its activities and provide recommendations to the President.

Highlights:

- ❑ Assisting the Government in the development of IA policy to protect key public and private elements of the information infrastructure supporting NS/EP operations.
- ❑ Assessing the state of network security research and development, and promoting information exchange on issues related to network security technologies and network vulnerabilities.
- ❑ Identifying legislative and regulatory issues that potentially impact NS/EP telecommunications.
- ❑ Coordinating with the President's Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office to support significant advances towards the goals of Presidential Decision Directive 63.
- ❑ Sharing NSTAC's experience with private and public sector organizations in an effort to increase the level of national infrastructure protection and IA awareness.

NSTAC Membership, as of 7/20/2000

NSTAC Chair

Mr. Van B. Honeycutt

President and CEO

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NSTAC Vice Chair

Other Member Corporations include:

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